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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SILVERBROOK, KIA

Examiner

Brian Goldberg

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/3/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Silverbrook et al. (US 6439908).

4. Regarding claim 1, Silverbrook et al. disclose "a plurality of ink storage reservoirs (16 of Fig 2); an ink delivery member (32 of Fig 7) defining a plurality of ink delivery channels (80 of Fig 7); and a pagewidth printhead (18 of Fig 7) in fluid communication with the plurality of ink storage reservoirs (16 of Fig 7) by means of the one or more printing fluid delivery channels (80 of Fig 7) ; and power and data contact (22, 54, 66 of Fig 4) for electrical connection with complementary power and data contacts on said cradle when said cartridge is received in said cradle (col 3 ln 57-63, col 4 ln 12-18)."

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5. Regarding claim 2, Silverbrook et al. disclose "an elongate body housing the plurality of ink storage reservoirs (casing 14 or casing of 32, see Fig 2 and 3)."

6. Regarding claim 3, Silverbrook et al. disclose "the pagewidth printhead (18 of Fig 2) is attached to the elongate body (14 of Fig 2)."

7. Regarding claim 5, Silverbrook et al. disclose "the pagewidth printhead (18 of Fig 5) is attached to the elongate body (14 of Fig 5) by means of the ink delivery member (32 of Fig 5)."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silverbrook et al. in view of Silverbrook (US 6318849).

10. Regarding claim 4, Silverbrook et al. disclose the claimed invention as set forth above regarding claim 3 and also disclose the ink delivery member (32 of Fig 7) extends the length of the printhead, while also stating that molding 28 is formed of an injection molded plastic body which is the same as what is stated in the instant application. A liquid crystal polymer is a type of plastic as disclosed in the instant application in paragraph [0062], lines 1-3. It would therefore be obvious to use the same material for the ink delivery member 32.

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11. Furthermore, Silverbrook teaches the ink delivery member (14 of Fig 1) is formed from injection molded plastic which is the same as what is stated in the instant application. A liquid crystal polymer is a type of plastic as disclosed in the instant application in paragraph [0062], lines 1-3. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to have the ink delivery member be formed from liquid crystal polymer. One would have been motivated to so modify Silverbrook et al. for the benefit of using a material that provides outstanding mechanical properties at high temperatures, excellent chemical resistance, inherent flame retardancy and good weatherability, while also having the ability to be melt processed on conventional equipment at fast speeds with excellent replication of mold details.

Response to Arguments


12. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Goldberg whose telephone number is 571-272-2728. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on 571-272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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